

Allocation of 1/3rd of the total capacity of Anta Gas Power Station to Rajasthan

1160. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Rajasthan used to enjoy a special allocation of 1/3rd of total capacity in NTPC's Anta Gas Power Station since 1993 but the same was suddenly withdrawn by Government on 29th October, 1999;
- (b) whether the State Government has taken up this matter with the Ministry of Power *vide* letter dated 13th December, 1999;
- (c) if so, what steps till date have been taken by Government to restore the special allocation of 1/3rd of the total capacity of Anta Gas based Power Station to Rajasthan; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) As a special case, 1/3rd out-put of Anta GPS was allocated to Rajasthan *w.e.f.* from October 1993, due to acute power shortage condition then prevailing in the State. This special allocation was continued due to prolonged outage of units of 1 & 2 of the Rajasthan Atomic Power Station (RAPS) with effect from February, 1994 and August, 1994 respectively. The Unit-1 of RAPS was restored in April, 1997 and Unit-2 in June, 1998. Consequent to restoration of units 1 & 2 of RAPS and persistent pressure from the other constituent States of Northern Region for restoration of their entitled shares in Anta GPS, this special allocation to Rajasthan had to be withdrawn in October, 1999.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. Request has been received from Government of Rajasthan for restoration of the special allocation of one-third out-put from Anta GPS. The Anta GPS (419 MW) is a regional power station and all the constituent States-UTs of Northern Region have firm shares in the power station in accordance with the sharing formula. Therefore, restoration of the special allocation to Rajasthan would deprive the other States in the Northern Region of their

entitled shares and likely to attract stiff opposition from other beneficiary States.

Funds earmarked for ARWSP to States for 2001-2002

1161. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total allocation of funds earmarked for the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme to the different States for the year 2001-2002, State-wise;
- (b) how much funds have since been allocated to the States till date, State-wise; and
- (c) how much progress have since been achieved under the Rural Water Supply Programme during the current fiscal year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) The total allocation of funds under ARWSP to the States for the year 2001-2002 is Rs. 1825.23 crores. The State-wise allocation under ARWSP for the year 2001-2002 is given in the Statement (See below).

(c) As per the information received from the State Governments till 20-7-2001, the total expenditure reported by the States under ARWSP is Rs. 30.45 crore during the current financial year.

Statement

*Statement showing State-wise allocation under ARWSP during
2001-2002*

(Rs. in crore)

S.No.	State/UT	2001-2002
1.	Andhra Pradesh	130.44
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	44.76
3.	Assam	75.61
4.	Bihar	72.74
5.	Chhattisgarh	38.77
6.	Goa	14.55